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1. CHARGE DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE AUGUST 19 TO ACTING CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN SECTION OF MFA (FOREIGN MINISTER AND SIX VICE MINISTERS ARE ALL ON LEAVE AT THE MOMENT) AND MADE STRONG ORAL PRESENTATION STRESSING SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH U.S. VIEWS OUTCOME OF LAST ICNAF MEETING. FOREIGN OFFICE PROMISED TO BRING OUR VIEWS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTER PROMPTLY UPON HIS RETURN.

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING AT MFA, CHARGE MET WITH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY ROMUALD PIETRASZEK, WHO WILL HEAD POLISH DELEGATION TO SEPTEMBER MEETING. PIETRASZEK AND ANDERS, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, ACCEPTED COPIES OF AIDE-MEMOIRE AND SECRETARY
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KISSINGER'S MONTREAL SPEECH AND LISTENED CAREFULLY TO

OUR PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS.

3. PIETRASZEK RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE US DEMAND FOR A REDUCTION OF THE QUOTA ESTABLISHED AT THE JUNE ICNAF MEETING, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT THE REDUCTION MENTIONED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS RATHER LARGE. HE SAID THAT SCIENTISTS FROM ICNAF COUNTRIES, WHO WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 7, SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROPOSE SOME COMPROMISE AGREEMENT, BUT HE ALSO FELT THAT THE BARGAINING AT THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE VERY TOUGH SINCE THERE ARE BOUND TO BE DISAGREEMENTS AMONG THE SCIENTISTS BOTH ON THE FACTS INVOLVED AND ON PROJECTIONS FOR RECOVERY OF THE BIOMASS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE URGENT NECESSITY OF FINDING A WORKABLE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT.

4. TURNING TO BILATERAL MATTERS. PIETRASZEK SAID HE WAS RECEIVING REPORTS FROM THE POLISH PACIFIC FISHING FLEET ASSURING HIM THAT THEY WERE MAINTAINING A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF THIRTEEN TO THIRTEEN-AND-A-HALF MILES FROM THE US COAST. HE WAS DOING HIS BEST TO AVOID ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS. PIETRASZEK ALLUDED TO THE AGREED MINUTES ATTACHED TO THE POLISH-AMERICAN FISHING AGREEMENT AND INQUIRED WHETHER THE CONSIDERATION THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAD PROMISED TO GIVE TO THE POLISH REQUEST FOR PORT CALL PRIVILEGES ON THE PACIFIC COAST WAS APPROACHING A POINT WHERE A FAVORABLE DECISION MIGHT BE EXPECTED. HE SAID THE POLES WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE ACCESS TO SAN FRANCISCO BUT WOULD BE ALMOST EQUALLY CONTENT IF THEY COULD BE GRANTED SEATTLE.

5. PIETRASZEK ALSO ASKED WHEN, IN OUR VIEW, NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BEGIN ON THE EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THE POLES WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH US AT ANY TIME BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.

6. FINALLY, PIETRASZEK ALLUDED TO A CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE IN WHICH HE HAD PUT FORWARD A REQUEST FOR ACCESS BY POLISH VESSELS TO THE COAL PIER AT HAMPTON ROADS. HE SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN GRANTING THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCESS BUT REMAINED HOPEFUL THAT THE AREA OF THE COAL PIER, BEING WELL AWAY FROM ANY SENSITIVE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO POLISH VESSELS. WE PROMISED TO PASS HIS INQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND RELAY TO HIM ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THESE PENDING MATTERS.
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